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BOIL WATER ORDER ISSUED FOR MT. EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL *Test Results Show Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply*

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has issued a Boil Water Order and Public Notification for the Mt. Empire High School located at 3305 Buckman Spring Road in Pine Valley, effective immediately. Water samples were collected on October 27 and reported by the laboratory Monday, October 30, 2006, confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water distribution system. *E. coli* bacteria was **absent** in all samples.

Total coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment, and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The Boil Water Order was issued to the Mt. Empire High School to ensure all water used is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

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